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E. O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: WHO, KS, KN

SUBJECT: 26 TH WHA: NORTH KOREAN APPLICATION FOR WHO MEMBERSHIP

REF: A) STATE 66738 B) STATE 65086

1. I CALLED ON TAN BOON SENG, ACTING PERMANENT SECRETARY OF FOREIGN MINISTRY, THIS MORNING AND URGED GOS SUPPOGT POSTPONEMENT CONSIDERATION NORTH KOREAN APPLICATION FOR WHO MEMBERSHIP AT UPCOMING WHA MEETING, USING ARGUMENTATION CONTAINED PARA 3 REF B.

2. TAN SAID GOS AGREED THAT DIVIDED COUNTRIES " SHOULD SORT OUT THEIR OWN PROBLEMS BEFORE JOINING UN OR SUBSIDIARY BODIES" AND THAT IN THIS INSTANCE THEY WOULD NOT SUPPORT MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION OF NORTH KOREA. I ASKED IF THAT MEANT THEY WOULD VOTE IN FAVOR OF POSTPONEMENT AND HE SAID HE THOUGHT SO BUT WOULD HAVE TO CHECK RECORDS AND SEE HOW THEY HAD VOTED ON QUESTION OF GDR MEMBERSHIP WHO. HE SAID THEY WOULD FOLLOW THAT PRECEDENT. HE WILL LET US KNOW IN DAY OR TWO AND WE WILL REPORT.

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3. TAN SAID THEY HAD RECEIVED NOTES FROM BOTH ROK AND NORTH KOREA ON SUBJECT.
4. ROK CONSUL GENERAL HAHM, WHOM WE HAVE CONSULTED ON THIS MATTER, WAS TOLD BY PERMSEC BOGAARS LAST WEEK THAT GOS WOULD PROBABLY ABSTAIN. THIS WOULD BE CONSISTENT WITH POSITION GOS HAS USUALLY TAKEN ON ALL DIVIDED COUNTION PASSAGE OF HR-981, WHICH BILL AMENDS INA TO EQUATE EASTERN AND WESTERN HEMISPHERE PREFERENCE SYSTEMS. CHANCE OF ENACTMENT THIS CONGRESS CONSIDERED GOOD. ROGERS

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